EX-GOVERNOR WELLS SPEAKS.

He Addresses an Open Meeting of the American League.

POLITICS WITH RELATION TO HAWAII.

The Need of a Fermaneut and Stable Government-The United States Will Do Its Part if the People Here Only Possess Their Souls With Catience.

The meeting of the Third District Club interfered somewhat with the attendance at the American League Hall yesterday evening, where ex-Governor Wells, of Virginia, spoke before an open meeting of the League. Governor Wells was the only speaker of the evening. He was introduced by W. P. O'Brien, who occupied the chair. Governor Wells spoke as follows:

Your Vice President asked me what I was going to talk about. I rarely know until I look at my audience. I said to a gentleman who asked me that I would talk on current events. I have sometimes thought it was a great thing to have lived during the last fifty years. Most of us are sorry when we have passed fifty years of our



FX-GOVERNOR WELLS. (From a photograph.)

life. But a man who has lived to se the events that have transpired during the last fifty years never should be sorry for his age. When I was a law student a young lieutenant in the army whose acquaintance I made used to come in and out of the office where I was studying. I never sus-pected then that the man whom we called "little Grant" would lead a million men to war. We have been led by many eminent and distin-guished men; but for some reason the Government percent fully trusted the Government never fully trusted anyone, until General Grant took command of the army. This was because he was an bonest and fearless man. It seems strange that we never could settle the troubles in our own country until the enemies faced each other on the hostile field. Not until nearly 1,000,000 men were dead did we give the ballot to the black man-not because he was a black man,

Since I have been here I have been wondering why this Pacific ocean was so vast and so grand, and had only one place where we could have a mayal station. A naval station for whom? For France, for Germany, for Russia, for the United States (applause), then for the world. Where can you find the location but here? But you can never have a great naval station, nor anything else great, until you have a sober, steady government. There is one argument against annexation. People say Hawaii is so far away. Yes, it is 2100 away. When you get 200 miles away from the coast the bottom of the sea nearly drops out of sight. How far is it from the United States to Hawaii? Twenty-one hundred miles? How far is it from San Francisco to Washington? Three thousand miles. How far is it to England, France, Germany, and other foreign countries? From five to 10,000 miles. Does not that show where we must come for our naval station? The distance is nothing, but even the distance argument is greater against any other country than America.

Are you ready for annexation? Have

you got the regular, steady, perma-nent Government? You have a good Government and you should be proud of it, but if I had a sponge and the power, I would wipe out the one word-provisional. But I have

one word—provisional. But I have not the sponge nor the power.

No one man can stand in the way of all the people. You must be very patient. All things come to the man who waits. I have no right to give you advice, but when I first came to the islands I studied your people and their habits, and my heart has gone out to this people—whether natives or half-whites, or American, or Engor half-whites, or American, or Eng-lish, or German. That is my only reason for giving you advice.

The next thing I can speak to you about is the attitude of the natives who are watching you. They are looking at your possibilities, your capabilities, the wisdom that you are exhibiting in this great question now before you. Your three necessities are, good, stable Government, a cable, and a mayal station. I told the late King, once, that the United States would not let any other power take posses-sion of these Islands. (Great Ap-plause.) I have never changed that

opinion, and I never will, The day has arrived when we try a case by jury and not by a single man. And some day, some one will investi-gate the reason for this change here. The theory of the American Govern-ment is this,—that the President of the United States could never declars

Queen on the throne.

The United States not only would not allow any one else to take this.

In far off Chile the control of t country, but they prefer that you signers, representing \$794,--Ex.

should hold it for the present. When stions and it for the present. When it is necessary to run up the stars and stripes at Pearl Harbor, it will be done. (Applause.) The people of the United States have settled one question to a certainty and that is, that it will allow no other power to lay a bened on these Liberts.

hand on these Islands
People said, after Cleveland's victory on the silver question, "If Cleve
lond can have his own way in the
silver matter, what can he not do
about the Hawaiian question?" Wait and see. Do you remember what Morgan said in his report? He said that the relations of the Hawaiian Islands to the United States were different from those of any other country. He said that the Hawaiian Islands were virtually a dependency of the United States. Is not this enough?

You can see what the trend of all these things is. Get the tariff ques-tion out of the way, and the Hawaiian question will come up. An amount of money has already been laid away to buy Pearl Harbor. What you have to do is this: Be patient and all things will come to you.

ADMIRAL WALKER

Makes a Visit to the Ewa Plantation Mill.

Mr. B. F. Dillingham, of the Oahu Railway Company, took an excursion party to Ewa in a special car Thursday afternoon. Among the invited guests were Admiral Walker, Capt. Barker and several officers of the Philadelphia. with several ladies and gentlemen -in all about twenty persons. On reaching the depot at the "Peninsula," the party left the car and walked to the water front, where walked to the water front, where jail yard where it was so cunningly cottages have lately been erected concealed as not to have been disby Mr. Waterhouse and others, where a good view of the inner bay and Ford's Island are obtained. Returning to the car the train proceeded on to Ewa Mill, which was found in full blast, showing every

As the party stepped down from the car, and were welcomed by the manager, Mr. W. J. Lowrie, a new and beautiful, twenty-six-foot American flag was run up to the masthead of a flag-staff 120 feet in height, amid the cheers of the excursion company and the crowd which witnessed the flag raising. "There, Mr. Admiral," said one of the party, "we have raised our flag first." This flag raising was a very pretty incident in the excursion.

Proceeding next to the mill, the party inspected the various processes of slicing the cane, filling the different vats, and the heavy machinery used in making sugar till it falls from the shutes in a golden stream at the rate of fifty or sixty tons a day.

Manager Lowrie then invited the party to step aboard the observation car, which carried them through the large cane fields, exhibiting all the operations that go to make up a firstclass sugar plantation, including some of the heaviest growing cane elsewhere. Returning to the mill, an inspection of the huge artesian pumps and machinery was had, which alone afford a sight seldom witnessed in any part of the world. Here 20,000,000 gallons of water are, in the dry season, daily raised

and everybody enjoyed the excursion, and some of the party saw for the first time a diffusion sugar factory and how sugar is made in it. Returning, the train arrived at

the depot shortly after 6 p. m. It is stated that Admiral Walker intends to make further surveys around the entrance to the lagoon, and will probably make several more soundings in the channel similar to those made by Admiral Irwin some weeks since.

Pensioners.

Twenty-one ex-United States soldiers live in Hawaii, and they receive \$3493 yearly. Eight thousand pensioners live

in Washington. Mrs. U. S. Grant's pension is

\$5000 a year. The pension of Mrs. Garfield is

\$5000 a year. Four thousand United States

pensioners live in foreign coun-There are 2000 United States

pensioners in Canada. A United States pensioner living in the Fiji Islands is paid \$96 a leave they would have educated immis

The Island of St. Helena has a pensioner of Uncle Sam who gets \$179 a year

In Australia there are twentywar, to take a King off or to put a six former Union soldiers, who are

In far-off Chile there are six pen-

GIBSONIAN

Reform School Boys Played Some Very Strange Pranks.

SOAP PASSED THROUGH A KNOT-HOLE.

An Interesting Account of an Institution which Has Been Reformed-Flowers that Shoom in the Desert-A Good Place for Bad Boy . to Grow Good In.

The following interesting sketch of the Reform School and account of the present status and needs of the institution, was written for the ADVERTISER by Mr. Girvin:

We read descriptions of Oahu Jail, Lunalilo Home, Kamehameha School and many other noble institutions in our land, of which we may be justly proud, but no one speaks of the Re proud, but no one speaks of the Reform School. In court a man's reputation is considered established as "good" when it is testified to as not being questioned. It is not so long ago when the Reform School had the reputation of being a place where iniquity in all its worst forms was systematically taught. Hawaii's only man o'-war "Kaimiloa" was manned largely from rascals from this institulargely from rascals from this institution, and they were the original "forty thieves." Some of the most weird tales are told of the escapades of the reform boys of those days. They have been known to steal a hise of bees, bringing it home to their own concealed as not to have been dis-covered by the manager. They have gone into town and robbed a garden of every valuable shrub and plant, which they duly transplanted into their own yard. They have burglarized a music store and supplied each of the boys with instruments. Like dogs they would cache their plunders until the storm had blown over, then they part of the milling operation, from the cane cutting and hauling to the working of the huge diffusion vats.

As the party stepped down from the found in the storm had blown over, then they would unearth them and generously divide. They were the most incornigible lot of youths, and could not be restrained by bolts and bars. Boys who have been punished by having their ankles chained together have researed by bolts and bars. escaped, broken into a blacksmith shop, secured chisel and file and freed themselves. Boys carrying a ball and chain have scaled the high wall sur-rounding the institution and obtained liberty. Some of them, before escapliberty. Some of them, before escap-ing, have made provision for future comfort in the way of blankets, etc. Aided by friends without, they have robbed the institution of every portable thing of value. In Jackson's time, in the good old Gibsonian regime, when any burglary or larceny was committed in Honolulu, the crime was laid at the door of the Reform school, and, in nine cases out of ten, it was a true bill. They have been aided by their relatives in break-ing jail, and boys have been known to pass soap enough through a knot-hole to a friend to run a laundry. There is hardly a part of the grounds from which has not been unearthed cached stolen goods. Today it is dif-ferent. We rarely hear the Reform School spoken of, and would only

or church. The Reform School is situated in Palama, on King street, about one mile from Fort street. The premises consist of about six acres of well kept some of the heaviest growing cane to be found on any estate here or buildings. The school room and dormitory are large and adequate for the present demands. The boys all sleep in one room, which contains about thirty single beds, each with its can-opy mosquito net. The differ nt rooms are kept scrupulously clean, and the sanitary conditions of the institution are in excellent form.

know we have such an institution by

seeing a company of well dressed graded boys, in charge of a native

are, in the dry season, daily raised by the ponderous pumps and distributed over 2000 or 3000 acres of growing cane.

The day was a beautiful one, and everybody enjoyed the excur-

fortunate that they are not taught trades. They are as bright and good a lot of boys as can be found on the Islands, and the discipline of the school is perfect. Some of them have been drafted into the late band on account of the development of their musical talent. Some of them have done excellent work with pen and ruler. One little fellow ingeniously invented a windmill which he placed under the school, where he had no-ticed the wind drew through strongly and to which he attached a pump and machinery. Flowers will bloom in the desert.

They have been sent there for a variety of terms and causes. We find one sent up for trunney for balance of his minority. Another for two years, another one and still another six months for the same cause. We find one undergoing a sentence of seven years for largenty and other series. America's Beauty Doctor. years for larceny, and others again three and six months for the same. No matter how refractory a boy is on first arrival, he soon becomes do-mesticated. He is cleaned up, in-structed in the rules, his skin diseases, if any, cured up, and he soon finds he has a clean, pleasant home, where he will be compelled to work and study and submit to the inevitable. A very little extra expense would provide tools, material and masters to teach them trades so that when they which would place them above the necessity of competing with the common laborer. It is to be hoped that the new Board of Education will take hold of this institution and make it a real reformatory. Perhaps one of the lady members will make it her especial hooby. I wish that teachers and magistrates would have no diffidence in sending boys to this institution where they would have so good a home and regular dist which I know Eo. Il liets St.

to be lacking in so many of the na-

tive homes.

There might as well be a crop of three hundred youths growing up there as thirty and the cost per capita would be small. With a little larger grounds the institution might be al-most self supporting. The strata of alluvian which covers the coral at this part of the city is so thin that it is only by great labor that anything can be produced, yet from the sales of grass, fruit and kiawe pods the manager has almost been enabled to clothe the boys.

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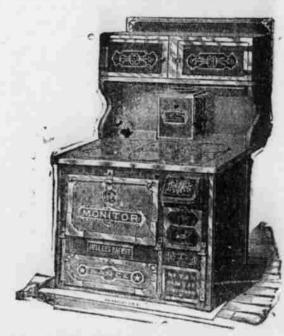
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